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1. MORALE OF THE BRITISH ARMY
2. INCREASE IN STRENGTH OF INDIAN ARMY
3. TROOPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND
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To DIRECTOR.

1. According to information from a [C% correspondent][i] the Army's morale is very uncertain. Although they are in the mood to fight the SAUSAGE-DEALERS [KOLBASNIKI][ii] among the troops as a whole there is a fear that their leaders may let them down, as happened in FLANDERS; discipline is poor and there is a great longing to go on leave. The officers are complaining that the soldiers are demanding political lectures. The strongest left-wing sentiments [are to be found][a] among the soldiers who were in the British Expeditionary Force [KHEPKDITsIYa] and the 5,000 Czechoslovakian troops left from the Czechoslovakian [B% divisions] in France. In the Air Force [VOZDUSHNIY FLOT] there is discontent with the latest statement from CHURCHILL and NEAVERBROOK about the allegedly large increase in the number of aircraft, because it deceives the public.

2. DALTON, the Minister for Economic Warfare, has told the MASTER of the METRO [KHOZYAIN METRO][iii] that preparations are being made for giving INDIA dominion status. At the same time preparations are being made for increasing the Indian Army by 20-30 divisions through enlisting mainly the Moslems into the Army.

3. [B% 200,000] mechanised and motorised troops are concentrated in Northern Ireland. Everything is being prepared against a landing in Ireland if Eire [YuG] requires it.

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BARCH [iv]

Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

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- Comments: [i] Correspondant: This is unlikely to be a covername since "According to information from a correspondent" is encoded as a single group, rather than the two groups which would be expected in the case of a covername.
- ✓ [ii] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.
- ✓ [iii] MASTER of the METRO: the Soviet Ambassador.
- [iv] BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KREMER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left sometime in 1946. The covername BARCH occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BRION.